Special Camp No. 188

[TFR 64-1]

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to the CHIEF GUPVI MVD USSR LIEUTENANT GENERAL Comrade KRIVENKO Moscow

In Ref. to No. 3/5/38 dated 6 Jan 47

A thorough cross-check of the data of the registration department and the operations department of special camp No. 188 and the special hospital No. 5951 has established:

1. VAJLER Iogan Gustav, born 1911, a lance corporal, claimed American nationality, but was exposed as a German in October 1945 and was sent from Camp No. 188 on troop train No. 98333 to camp No. 69 in Frankfurt on the Oder for repatriation to his homeland. He was among the 496 prisoners of war listed on the guards list [he was number 31], but no notes regarding his departure were found in the card file.

2. In reference to prisoner of war BONNER Karl Karl, born 1919, operational documents of OChO camp No. 188 indicate that he was also revealed to be a German although he had claimed Mexican nationality. In connection with this, he was taken for exploitation as an trained element for d-f under the nickname "merchant". His d-f was given to the special department UMVD TO archives, in which there is information from URO camp No. 189 regarding the departure of BONNER on 20 July 46 to Camp No. 69 in Frankfurt on the Oder for repatriation. Also, in a statistical report from July 1946, BONNER was listed as having been shipped to Frankfurt on the Oder for repatriation to his homeland (see our statistical report from the month of July 1946 for the list of registered elements shipped from camp No. 188. He is listed as number 5, but in the guard lists for 20 July 46 for camp No. 188, BONER is not listed as having been shipped.)

Simultaneously, clarifications concerning the matter of the exploitation of the POW Bonner were requested from the former Deputy Head of the Administrative Department for Operations of camp No. 188, Major Aksyutin (currently the Assistant Head of the OChO camp No. 64) and from Lovanov, the operations representative for camp No. 188.

3. As for prisoner of war KHARVIS Arenberg, he does not show up on the registration card file for camp No. 188. However, he is on the guards list of camp No. 212 that consists of .58 prisoners of war who were sent from camp No. 212 to camp No. 188. He is number on that list is 227 and he is listed as an American (English American). He also appears as one of 9 people from a list that is underlined and on a two-sided registration form of the troop train going to camp No. 188 on 6 June 1945. [TFR 64-2]

The form lists only 219 personnel, none of whom are American. Consequently, prisoner of war KHARVIS Arenberg did not arrive in camp No. 188. His location may be determined by sending an inquiry to camp No. 212.

4. Regarding the deceased prisoner of war KONRADI Dzhordzh - no notes were made on the guard's list regarding his death, but an explanation was attached by nurse Sr. Sergeant TIMOFEEVA who was escorting the troop train in which KONRADI died. According to hospital No. 5951, no information confirming the death of KONRADI has been found and there is nothing about him in the registration [files].

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